

Revlon Consumer Products Corporation

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Other (Former) Names of Site

Revlon, Inc.

Site Facts

The Revlon Incorporated (Revlon) Main Production Facility, formerly owned by Johnson and Johnson, operated at 55 Talmadge Road, on the 63.2-acre in Edison, New Jersey from 1956 to 1999. Revlon manufactured lipstick, dusting powder, fragrances, toiletries, nail enamel, other make-up and their packaging at the facility. The company stored its cosmetic products (prior to packaging) in several underground and above-ground storage tanks on-site.

In 1985, when Revlon entered into a merger agreement for the Edison site with Nicole Acquisition Company, an environmental evaluation of the site was performed as required under the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) State Property Transfer Program. The facility was eventually sold to the present owner, Starwood Heller, L.L.C., in 1999, and changed its name to Revlon Consumer Products Corporation.

Contamination

The environmental investigation performed at the time of the merger revealed that some underground and above-ground tanks leaked their contents into the soil and, eventually, into the groundwater under the site. The soil and groundwater are contaminated with organic compounds including trichloroethylene, trichloroethane, acetone and 1,2-dichloroethene.

What Is Being Done

The facility is being cleaned up under the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) State Property Transfer Program. Revlon excavated and properly disposed-of some of the contaminated soil. The rest was covered with asphalt and concrete to prevent potential contact with the contaminants and to protect them from the elements. Revlon also installed and expanded a system of wells in the area of the groundwater contamination to remove the contaminants. This is done by pumping the groundwater out of the ground and removing the chemicals with air strippers and carbon filters. The treated groundwater is then discharged to the Middlesex County Utilities Authority treatment works.

What Remains To Be done

The contaminated soil at the site has been excavated or capped. Groundwater monitoring is being conducted and additional groundwater sampling activities have been required of Revlon to make sure the groundwater contamination is not spreading. Groundwater treatment will continue for many years at the Revlon site.

Site Repository

Copies of supporting technical documents and correspondence cited in the site fact sheet are available for public review at the following location:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste
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